

Merpeople

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 *This article is about the peaceful sea race. For the vicious winged monsters, see [siren](#).*

Merpeople are a [race](#) of intelligent underwater humanoids in the [Great Sea](#). Males are called **mermen** or **tritons**, while females are known as **mermaids** (*Skellige jargon: havfrue*).

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Characteristics

Physical description

Merpeople are a race resembling a half-[human](#) (male or female) with fins and a fish's tail in appearance. The females are similar to [nymphs](#) and are very beautiful.
^[1] So beautiful in fact that their graces are

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General Information

Other Names	Havfrue
Civilizations	Great Sea civilization
Languages	Sea dialect
Locations	Great Sea

Physical Characteristics

Skin Color	Unknown (green nipples)
Hair Color	Celadon-green
Distinctions	Fish-like lower half of body

a subject of many sailor songs.^[2] They are described as having flowing celadon-green hair, light green nipples, and long fishtails covered in scales.^[1] The scales have alchemical properties and can be used as ingredients by mages.^[3]

They are able to breathe air but can stay above water only for short periods of time because the sun hurts their skin.^[1]

Merpeople are often confused for [siren/nixa](#); a vicious monster.^[N 1] A notable difference though is that sirens have large, bat-like wings while merpeople are far more peaceful and always wingless.^[4]

Mental traits

The race appears to wield mysterious power and rule the undersea world—even the [vodyanoy](#) respect them. They can summon the dreaded [krakens](#) if the need arises.^[1]

What's more, should a merperson find themselves in trouble far from the deep sea, they would utilize an [amulet](#) which, combined with their song, leads nixae-sirens towards them.^[5]

History

They're an old race, known to inhabit the Great Sea since well before the [First Landing](#) of [Nordlings](#) in the 8th century.^[6] Although peaceful, they haven't always been friendly to humans,^[1] having fought with them at least once during the numerous race wars.^[7]

Culture

Merpeople, like [nereids](#) and [sea witches](#) who live with them, use a [euphonious version](#) of the [Elder Speech](#), which puts a great emphasis on melodiousness and intonation.^[1] It's said to be related to the [dialect](#) used by [dryads](#) of [Brokilon](#).^[8]

They train dolphins^[1] and sharks as mounts in a manner similar to how surface-dwellers train [horses](#).^[8] Tritons are alluded to have good relations with hippocampi as well.^[9]

Notable merpeople

- [Sh'eenaz](#)
- [Dahut](#)^[10]
- [Basim](#)^[10]
- [Melusina](#)^[10]

Notes

- In *The Witcher: Sirens of the Deep*, a new water creature is introduced, [Allanorax](#), that merpeople also ride on.

Gallery



Gwent card art



Merpeople as depicted in [The Witcher: Sirens of the Deep](#)

Footnotes

- ↑ In Polish, "syrena" (siren) can mean both "mermaid" and "siren". It was later clarified in *[The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt Artbook](#)*, in particular, the Polish version, that the game's sirens are actually nixae and often get mistaken for peaceful sirens (i. e. merpeople).

References

- ↑ [1.0](#) [1.1](#) [1.2](#) [1.3](#) [1.4](#) [1.5](#) [1.6](#) *Sword of Destiny*

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 9. ↑ *Season of Storms*
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